

HOUSE BILL No. 1202

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-41-2; IC 20-8.1-13.

Synopsis: Surveillance of public health threats. Allows: (1) the state department of health to collect information concerning syndromes related to bioterrorism and other public health threats; and (2) the information to be used for counterterrorism purposes. Requires accredited schools or school corporations to report each day the number of students who are absent.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-41-2-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 1. The state department
3 may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 that do the following:

4 (1) Define and classify the following:

5 (A) Communicable diseases.

6 (B) **Syndromes and symptoms concerning bioterrorism,**
7 **related outbreaks of infectious disease, and public health**
8 **threats and emergencies determined by the state**
9 **department to warrant further investigation.**

10 (C) Other diseases that are a danger to health based upon the
11 characteristics of the disease.

12 (2) Establish reporting, monitoring, and preventive procedures for
13 communicable diseases, **bioterrorism, related outbreaks of**
14 **infectious disease, and public health threats and emergencies.**
15 **Information collected under this subdivision may be used for**
16 **counterterrorism purposes.**

17 SECTION 2. IC 16-41-2-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS

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FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 2. Each:

- (1) licensed physician;
- (2) administrator of a hospital licensed under IC 16-21-2 or the administrator's representative; ~~or~~
- (3) director of a medical laboratory or the director's representative; ~~or~~
- (4) health care provider or other organization or entity that collects data and information concerning bioterrorism, related outbreaks of infectious disease, or public health threats and emergencies;**

shall report to the local or state health officer designated by the state department the information required to be reported by the rules adopted under section 1 of this chapter.

SECTION 3. IC 20-8.1-13-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 1. **(a)** A school corporation may develop and implement a system of notifying the parent or guardian of a student when:

- (1) the student fails to attend school; and
- (2) the student does not have an excused absence for that day.

(b) An accredited school (described in IC 20-1-1-6(a)(5)) or a school corporation shall report daily the number of students who are absent each school day using the reporting mechanism developed and implemented by the state department of health.

SECTION 4. IC 20-8.1-13-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 2. If a school corporation implements a notification system under **section 1(a)** of this chapter, the attendance officer or the attendance officer's designee shall make a reasonable effort to contact by telephone the parent or guardian of each student who has failed to attend school and does not have an excused absence for that day.

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